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On 1 July 1986, the Agency conducted another Supplemental Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting, this time for residents of the Evermay, Section 7 community whose residences border Route 193. The purpose of the meeting was to provide for their consideration three alternative designs for the separation of the Route 193 roadway from the Evermay Section 7 residences.

The Evermay Section 7 residents have indicated, via a letter from Mr. Kent Maxfield, that they would prefer separation Alternative #2, a design that involves leaving the existing earth essentially as is, except for removing scrub vegetation, erecting an 8-foot high precast concrete barrier outside the existing row of young cedar trees, and extending the precast concrete barrier as far towards the westerly limits of the Evermay Section 7 limits as is possible, all the while remaining within the existing State of Virginia right-of-way. While this last issue (i.e., extending the precast concrete barrier westerly beyond the existing project limits) is clearly outside the long-standing scope of the Agency's Roadway Improvement Program, Agency management has chosen to accommodate this vocal concern in the spirit of responsible neighborliness. The actual engineering survey information is not yet available so we are at this point not certain that the request can be fully honored, but we will do so to the maximum extent possible based upon an engineering analysis of the data, once received.

The same community group also requested the right to select the design of the precast concrete panels and the selection of actual trees planted. The Agency will work with the community to the extent possible, but we cannot guarantee that such choices will be available. Standard Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation (VDH&T) procedures will apply, but we will all continue to work with the local community to the maximum extent practicable.

Sincerely,



Chairman, Traffic
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